

*Routine Proceedings***CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Government Operations on WHMIS and for most who do not know what WHMIS is, it is the operations on the exclusions to the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System.

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs for doing a lot of hard work in preparing this report.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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AUDITOR GENERAL ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-344, an Act to amend the Auditor General Act (reports).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed to be adopted.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to enable the Auditor General of Canada to report to the House as often as he sees fit, rather than only once a year as is the present practice.

It would also make it possible to refer immediately to the Public Accounts Committee any report tabled by the Auditor General of Canada. This bill will make the Auditor General's reporting system more efficient, will make the reports more up to date and relevant and will ensure better management of government finance by giving the Public Accounts Committee the ability to consider the Auditor General's observations without delay and to recommend the required corrective action.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Mr. Gauthier moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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PETITIONS

THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I have four petitions I want to present today.

The first one is with respect to constituents of mine who believe that the Constitution belongs to the people. They want a referendum and ask that Canadians be able to vote on constitutional proposals. They ask that there be a majority nationally and a majority in each province, that both territories be considered as one province for the purpose of this referendum and that the referendum results be binding on the Parliament of Canada.

I present this with a great deal of pleasure.

CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my second petition is from petitioners who want Parliament to ensure that the CRTC regulate the use of foul language on radio and television.

They believe that foul language is inappropriate at all times, that it counteracts family efforts throughout the nation, that foul language and explicit sex scenes are not necessary to entertain the general public.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my third petition is from a host of petitioners from across Canada who believe that Canada's major challenges in the social science field are many.

They refer to violence, the environment, the Constitution, aboriginal issues, new reproductive technologies, illiteracy, various forms of abuse. They condemn the merging of the SSHRC and believe it is a step backward.